

Fire hits Imus industrial park; reaches third alarm

A fire hit a portion of an industrial park located in Imus City,

Cavite late Monday evening, Rhommel Balasbas reported

over dzBB's Super Radyo. The Imus Bureau of Fire

Protection (BFP) said the fire razing Anabu Hills Industrial Estate started at

8:45 p.m.

As of posting, the fire has been raised to third

alarm. — *Sundy Locus/BAP, GMA Integrated News*

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Malasakit sa dialysis patient

Hindi na magtatagal, makararanas ng mabilis na serbisyo ang mga pasyenteng kailangan ang dialysis treatment sa ipinatayong Renal One Dialysis Clinic ng siyudad ng Gen. Trias.

Sa kanyang opisyal na Facebook page, ibinalita ni Mayor Jonjon Ferrer ang paghahanda sa nalalapit na pagtanggap ng mga pasyente gg City of General Trias Dialysis Center sa Brgy. Pinagtipunan.

"Layunin ng proyektong ito na ilapit sa publiko at gawing abot-kaya ang hemodialysis services para sa mga Gentriseñong nangangailangan," sabi ni

Mayor Ferrer.

Hindi pa man nabubuksan, marami pamilyang may dialysis ang nagaabot ng pasasalamat kay Mayor Ferrer.

"Napakalaking tulong po ito, hindi na kailangan kaming dumayo pa sa ibang (dialysis) center. Salamat po, Mayor Jonjon," sabi ng isang ginang na residente ng Barangay San Francisco. *JET*



Ikalawa mula sa kaliwa, si Mayor Jonjon Ferrer, kausap ang ilang opisyal ng Dialysis Center matapos bisitahin ang proyekto na magbibigay ng maginhawang serbisyo sa mga dialysis patients ng Gen. Trias City.

Nat'l gov't gives P137-B subsidies to GOCCs from Jan. to Sept.

The national government's subsidies for government-owned and controlled corporations (GOCCs) amounted to PHP137.1 billion in the first nine months of the year.



Data from the Bureau of the Treasury (BTr) showed that the Philippine Health Insurance Corp. (PhilHealth) was the biggest recipient of budgetary support amounting to PHP50.6 billion.

The National Irrigation Administration received PHP31.8 billion, second on the list.

The National Housing Authority came in third with subsidies amounting to PHP16.6 billion.

Other top recipient GOCCs include the National Food Authority (PHP6 billion), Power Sector Assets and Liabilities Management Corporation (PHP5 billion), Philippine Crop Insurance Corporation (PHP4.6 billion), Philippine Fisheries Development

Authority (PHP3.1 billion), and the Bases Conversion and Development Authority (PHP2.9 billion).

For September alone, subsidies to GOCCs, slightly went down to PHP21.2 billion from last year's PHP23.6 billion.

It was, however, higher than the PHP18.9 billion in August this year.

The National Housing Authority received the biggest subsidy amounting to PHP11.1 billion.

Other top recipients include the National Irrigation Administration (PHP2.9 billion), the Philippine Crop Insurance Corporation (PHP2.7 billion), the National Electrification Administration (PHP1.3 billion), and the National Food Authority (PHP1.0 billion). *(PNA)*



2023 MOST BIZ-FRIENDLY LGU SPECIAL CITATION PARA SA KAWIT: Masaya po naming ibinabalita sa inyo na nakatanggap ng Special Citation ang ating Kawit sa ginanap na 2023 Most Business-Friendly Local Government Unit (LGU) Awards ng PCCI nitong October 25. Natanggap po natin ang pagkilalang ito para sa ating pag-aksyon sa mga programang mas lalo pang nag-angat sa ekonomiya ng ating bayan at pagiging mabuting kaagapay sa mga naghahanapbuhay sa ating Kawit. Iniaalay po namin ang pagkilalang ito sa inyo. Makakaasa po kayo na mas pagbutihin pa namin ang aming #RatedTripleA na serbisyo para sa inyo! #AlagangAngeloAguinaldo #RatedTripleA #PusoAtMalasakitParaSaAtingKawit

PBBM ADMIN REMAINS FOCUSED ON REDUCING POVERTY BY 2028 THROUGH VARIOUS STRATEGIES, WHOLE-OF-SOCIETY APPROACH

The Marcos administration remains focused on its priority to reduce poverty incidence among Filipinos to nine percent by the time President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. steps down in 2028 through various strategies and whole-of-society approach, National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) Secretary Arsenio Balisacan said on Thursday.

The country's Socioeconomic Planning Secretary issued a statement a day after the release of Social Weather Stations' (SWS) self-rated poverty survey showing almost half of Filipino families consider themselves living in poverty.

"We note that the SWS September survey was conducted after a series of typhoons hit the country, which also affected food prices and directly impacted families who lacked the means to cope with the increase in prices," Balisacan said in response to the SWS' survey.

"As we noted earlier, poverty measures based on respondents' perceptions are sensitive to inflation, particularly for essential commodities. Food inflation in September was higher than in June this year due to the supply disruptions," he said.

According to the NEDA chief, the government is implementing for the short term, several measures to provide immediate assistance to those in need, including the rollout of the food stamp program, the removal of pass-through fees for vehicles transporting

goods, and the distribution of cash aid through the Rice Farmers Financial Assistance program, specifically targeting the poorest individuals.

He added that the administration prioritizes policies and programs aimed at generating more and higher-quality jobs, as this is the most robust and effective approach to reducing poverty.

"This will involve expanding our markets, improving our infrastructure, and attracting more strategic investments, while also preparing the workforce with the necessary skills for

the jobs that will be created," Balisacan said.

At the same time, the Marcos administration has also implemented measures to accelerate these efforts, such as ratifying the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership, establishing green lanes for strategic investments, and streamlining project approval procedures, among others. Moreover, we will pursue programs to modernize agriculture, improve productivity, and enhance the linkage to markets.

"Given these strategies and our whole-of-society



President Bongbong Marcos

approach, we are optimistic that we can still reduce poverty incidence among Filipinos to 9 percent by 2028," Balisacan said. / PND

Celebrate an #AweSM Thanksgiving at SM Supermalls

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Fill your IG or your #FYPS with these snaps and share your gratitude with the world!

Thanksgiving is such a perfect time to not just count your blessings, but also create beautiful memories with your loved ones. So, gather your family and friends, head to your nearest SM mall, and experience a heartwarming Thanksgiving celebration filled with love, laughter, and treasured family moments!

To know more about SM Supermalls' Thanksgiving activities, visit www.smsupermalls.com and follow @SMSupermalls on social media.



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DOST-Rizal spearheads Scholarship promotion in Tanay

TANAY, Rizal – As part of the promotion for the ongoing application of the DOST-Science Education Institute (SEI) Undergraduate Scholarship Programs, the Department of Science and Technology (DOST)-Rizal organized an orientation in collaboration with the Local Government Unit (LGU) of Tanay. This was conducted throughout the month of October in various schools in Tanay, Rizal.

The DOST Rizal visited several schools in Tanay, namely, Rizal Sports Academy and Tanay East Integrated National High School last 17 October, and Tanay Senior High School and Laiban Integrated National High School last 19 October, Sto. Niño Integrated National High School and Cayabu Integrated National High School last 20 October in response to the LGU Tanay's request to inform the Grade 12 Senior High School (SHS) students of the opportunities that the DOST offers to incoming undergraduate students. Topics such as

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undergraduate scholarships to apply for, the nature of the scholarship, S&T priority courses, study placement, scholarship duration, scholarship privileges, and scholarship qualifications were all discussed during the orientation. The participants in the orientation were provided

with baseline information on the distribution of scholars by municipality in Rizal, scholars by barangay in Tanay, and ongoing scholars per barangay in Tanay. As the office seeks to have DOST scholars in all 188 barangays in Rizal by 2024, DOST Rizal also

requests the unequivocal support and utmost collaboration in promoting the DOST-SEI Undergraduate Scholarship from the LGU as well as the Department of Education (DepEd) schools. Starting last 17 October and running until 15 December, the online

applications for the MERIT and RA 7687 are now open. The DOST-SEI website, www.dost-sei.gov.ph, has additional announcements as well as the available downloadable forms. Together with the LGU Tanay, the DOST Rizal plans to return to the

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KWF, Nakiisa sa Pagdiriwang ng Pandaigdigang Araw ng mga Wikang Senyas

Bilang pakikiisa sa komunidad ng mga Bingi, at batay sa nilagdaang kasunduan sa pagitan ng Komisyon sa Wikang Filipino (KWF) at National Coordination Network of Deaf Organizations (NCNDO), ipagdiriwang ang Pandaigdigang Araw ng mga Wikang Senyas (International Day of Sign Languages, IDSL) sa 28 Oktubre 2023.

Ang IDSL ay isang pagdiriwang na kinikilala ng United Nations (UN) at nagbibigay pugay sa kahalagahan ng mga wikang senyas sa buong mundo. Bilang ahensiyang pampamahalaan na nagtataguyod, nagpapalaganap, at nagpapayaman sa mga wika sa Pilipinas, ang KWF ay makikipagtulungan sa pagdiriwang nito na pangungunahan ng Philippine Federation of the Deaf (PFD) at PFD Youth Section (PFDYS).



Persons with Disability Organization of Carmona, Cavite, Inc. (PDOCCI) receives training on Basic Food Hygiene

Safety is a fundamental requirement for food quality. Food contamination and poisoning can occur at any stage from farm to fork. Rapid urbanization and the globalization of food manufacturing and trade increase the likelihood of incidents involving contaminated and adulterated food. Hundreds of people in our local area become ill every year, and many suffer fatalities as a result of consuming unsafe food.

One of the objectives of this event is to empower Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) and communities by enhancing their practical knowledge and skills in Food Safety to address the current needs for food hygiene in the new normal. Our work is crucial since we are the direct link between food and consumers. Ms. Anna Marie S. Daigan, SRS II, a member of the Food Safety Team of DOST

CALABARZON, served as the Resource Speaker for the training.

During the one-day activity, topics covered included the fundamentals of Basic Food Hygiene. The facilitators also organized an examination and a workshop on cross-contamination to conclude the training.

At DOST, we provide programs and activities that inspire action to prevent, detect, and



KBL North

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were among the dignitaries invited to the occasion and whose messages were read on their behalf, along with Secretary Benjamin Abalos Jr. of the Dept. of Interior and Local Government (DILG).

Marcos called on all KBL members "to stay dedicated to the Party's mission and goals in every endeavor they undertake."

"Let us all do our best to usher in an era of progress, peace and unity

for our people and for the Bagong Pilipinas that we all want to build and cherish," he concluded.

On the other hand, VP Duterte called on party members "to join hands with every nation builder to usher in a brighter future for our nation where no one is left behind, guided by our commitment to integrity, sincere service and love of country."

Abalos for his part said that KBL is true to its vision

of "helping build a prosperous and united nation founded on the principles of good governance, social justice and national development. You have continued to be the government's trusted ally for 45 years."

Those present clamored for Papin's running for senator. Although, she was hesitant at first, she eventually accepted the challenge. "This country will be great again basta tayong lahat ay magkaisa," she told the conference attendees. **(Nelson Santos-PAPI)**

manage foodborne risks, contributing to food security, human health, economic prosperity, market opportunity, and sustainable development. Thus, we assist SMEs, cooperatives, associations, and micro-enterprises engaged in food

processing on their journey to provide quality and safe food.

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PBBM, Japan...

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"The Japanese leader and the President are also expected to exchange views on regional and international issues, and reaffirm the excellent relations between the Philippines and Japan, which was elevated into a Strategic Partnership in 2011," Garafil said.

Marcos and Kishida also met in February this year in Tokyo, Japan where the Terms of Reference on Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) activities of the Japan Self-Defense Forces in the Philippines were signed.

During his official visit to Tokyo in February, Marcos also had an audience with Japanese Emperor Naruhito and Empress Masako, and meetings with various business

leaders and investors.

Marcos' Japan trip led to the signing of around USD13 billion worth of investment pledges expected to generate about 24,000 jobs for Filipinos.

Kishida also pledged in February to provide 600 billion yen (USD4.6 billion) in official development assistance (ODA) and private-sector investment to support the Philippines' economic development plan to become an upper middle-income country by 2025.

During the 49th Philippine Business Conference and Expo in Manila on Oct. 26, Japanese Ambassador Kazuhiko Koshikawa reaffirmed Japan's commitment to continue investing in the Philippines'

big-ticket projects.

A big chunk of Japanese investments in the country goes into infrastructure projects, among which are the North-South Commuter Railway, Metro Manila Subway Project, LRT-1 Cavite Extension, LRT-2 East Extension and MRT-3 rehabilitation.

In 2021, Japan was the Philippines' second-largest trading partner, its third-largest export market, and its second-top source of imports.

Japan has also been the country's biggest bilateral source of active ODA, providing concessional loans to finance important infrastructure and capacity-building projects, social safety net programs, education, agriculture, and science and technology support, and many other high-income programs. **(PNA)**

AFFIDAVIT OF SELF-ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given the public that I, MARILOU MILANEZ FIDEL, widow, of legal age, a Filipino citizen and a resident of No. 059, Bliss, Brgy. Labac, Naic, Cavite, hereby, depose and state that: 1.) I am the only surviving heir being the wife of the late, MARTIN MOJICA FIDEL, who died on October 11, 2023 at Naic, Cavite; 2.) My deceased husband, MARTIN MOJICA FIDEL left as his estate, a Bank Deposit in Rizal Commercial Banking Corporation, Naic, Cavite branch, a peso savings account under Account No. 0000009034059867 amounting to Two Hundred Twenty Four Thousand Four Hundred Twelve Pesos and Ninety Five Centavos (Php224,412.95); 3.) At the time of his death, my deceased husband, MARTIN MOJICA FIDEL, was a resident of Naic, Cavite and died without any obligation to any person or persons and died intestate, without testament and without leaving any debt whatsoever; 4.) Pursuant to Sec. 1, Rule 74 of the Revised Rules of Court of the Philippines, I hereby adjudicate unto myself the said Bank Deposit, free from all kinds of liens and encumbrances whatsoever. This has been the subject of AFFIDAVIT OF SELF-ADJUDICATION duly executed on October 23, 2023 by MARILOU MILANEZ FIDEL before Notary Public ATTY. JOSE A. MENDOZA as per Doc. No. 92, Page 12, Book No. XXI, Series of 2023.

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DOH chief orders creation of committee to probe PhilHealth cyberattack

Department of Health (DOH) Secretary Teodoro Herbosa has ordered the creation of a committee that would investigate the recent cyberattack on the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) website last September.

"Nagpa-create din ako ng investigating committee to investigate really the gross negligence allegations, incompetence and all that stuff," he told reporters in a Palace briefing Tuesday.

"An investigation has to happen, due process, the usual... kasi these are government people eh kaya kailangan ng due process (because these are government people hence due process is necessary)."

Last week, PhilHealth senior vice president and data privacy officer Nerissa Santiago said at least 13 million of their members

have been affected by the Medusa ransomware cyberattack and about 600 to 800 employee data have been leaked.

Herbosa said that most of the PhilHealth's system are already up even though "a lot of data" were compromised.

He added that the agency was instructed to create a crisis committee that would handle possible similar issues in the future.

Several members of PhilHealth's executive committee are expected to be transferred or reassigned following the decision of the agency's

Board of Directors.

"I was the chair but I was a non-voting chair. It was the members of the board that voted against members of the executive committee of PhilHealth. The executive vice president, the vice president for finance, they were named actually," Herbosa said.

"They were dismayed due to the recent Medusa hacking because of the antivirus software that wasn't updated plus they cited many other instances in the past, the delayed publication for the dialysis, etc. so it was a unanimous board decision."



Department of Health Secretary Teodoro Herbosa (PNA photo by Joan Bondoc)

However, the transfer or reassignment is yet to be implemented because PhilHealth's president and

chief executive officer Emmanuel Ledesma Jr. requested more time as he waits for comments from the

Governance Commission for Government-owned or Controlled Corporations. (PNA)

PBBM: Israel vows to help Filipinos exit from Gaza

Israel has promised to help Filipinos in Gaza Strip exit through the Rafah crossing point either by Friday or Saturday to find safer ground in Egypt, President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. said on Friday.

The commitment was made after Philippine Ambassador to Israel Pedro Laylo Jr. met with Israeli President Isaac Herzog on Thursday, Marcos said in a press conference at Malacañan Palace in Manila.

"So, may pangako sila sa atin na maipapalabas na ang mga Pinoy. Ang mga Pilipino, maipapalabas na (So, they have a promise to us that the Filipinos will be allowed to leave) by today or tomorrow. That is what they promised us. Saturday daw (They said it would be Saturday), at the latest," he said.

"So, that is the latest news that I received today, early this morning from our Secretary of the DFA. And sana naman matotoo na para

mailabas na natin lahat ng gustong lumabas (I hope it will happen soon so we will be able to bring out those who want to exit) and bring them back home to safety," he added.

Marcos said the Philippine Embassy in Cairo is ready to assist Filipinos who will cross the Rafah border and eventually be repatriated.

He added that the Philippine government has also offered assistance to other Southeast Asian countries whose nationals are also trapped in Gaza Strip.

"I know many people are worried about our people, our Filipino nationals in Gaza, in Israel in the middle of the war. At saka dumating ang balita sa atin na 'yung mga nasa Gaza hindi

pinapalabas pa sa Rafah crossing. And nagtataka ang iba bakit nga hindi (And we received news that those in Gaza are still not being allowed to exit through the Rafah crossing. And others are wondering why not). Well, it is unfortunately completely out of our hands. We have no control over this. It is between the Israelis and the Palestinians," Marcos said.

The Department of Foreign Affairs earlier said there are still 134 Filipinos in Gaza Strip, 115 of whom are still waiting for a signal to cross the border.

Marcos noted that there are still Filipinos, especially those married to Palestinians, who are undecided about whether to exit Gaza.



BACK HOME. Sixteen overseas Filipino workers and a one-month-old infant repatriated from Israel arrive at the NAIA Terminal 3 on Oct. 18, 2023. President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. said Friday (Nov. 3, 2023) Israel has promised to help Filipinos in the Gaza Strip exit through the Rafah crossing point by Saturday at the latest to find safer ground in Egypt. (PNA photo by Robert Oswald P. Alfiler)

"There is also a complication because some of the Filipino nationals, mga babae na may napangasawa na na Palestinian. Hindi pinapalabas 'yung Palestinian (there are

Filipino women who are married to Palestinians. Palestinians are not allowed to leave)," he said.

"So, many of them are undecided kung gusto nilang umalis o hindi dahil siyempre, ayaw naman

nilang iwanan ang asawa nila, ayaw nilang iwanan 'yung kanilang anak (if they want to exit or not. They do not want to leave their spouses and children)," Marcos added. (PNA)

Las Piñas cop relieved for 'maltreatment' of police trainees

MANILA – National Capital Region Police Office (NCRPO) Brig. Gen. Jose Melencio Nartatez Jr. has ordered the relief of a police officer in Las Piñas City from his post for alleged maltreatment of police trainees.

NCRPO spokesperson Lt. Col. Eunice Salas, in a message to the Philippine News Agency on Friday, said Maj. Knowme Sia was relieved from his post as chief of the Administrative Resources Management Section (ARMS) of the Las Piñas City Police Station, for allegedly using excessive force in disciplining erring police trainees.

"Na relieve na (siya) at nasa (Administrative) Holding Section of the Las Piñas City Police Station. Pinaiimbestigahan at sasampahan ng administrative at criminal case (He was already relieved and was reassigned to the Administrative Holding Section of the Las Piñas City Police Station. He is

undergoing investigation and will be charged with administrative and criminal cases)," Salas said, adding that the suspect might face an administrative complaint for grave misconduct and a criminal case for physical injury.

In a police report, the complainants said Sia ordered them to report to the station's headquarters

at exactly 8 a.m. on Oct. 29 for administrative announcements and accounting amid the full alert status for the Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections.

However, the police trainees failed to come on time and were then marked late. Sia then instructed them to proceed to the station's Community Affairs Office where they were sanctioned for their



misdemeanor.

Sia allegedly hit the trainees with a wooden

stick in different parts of their bodies, including their heads. (PNA)

MR.DIY's Acts of Kindness: A Health and Vision Boost for Cavite Communities

MR.DIY, the renowned retail brand known for providing affordable and quality products, has embarked on a mission that goes beyond shopping aisles and store shelves. Under the banner of Acts of Kindness (AoK), MR.DIY has extended its goodwill by organizing a two-legged Medical and Optical Mission in two cities of Cavite, in partnership with the respective City Governments and the Red Cross of the Philippines.



MR.DIY & Carmona, Cavite: 1st Leg Medical and Optical Mission

The first leg of the mission was conducted in Brgy. Bancal, Carmona, Cavite, in collaboration with the City Government of Carmona. The event was held recently. Dr. Ally Gatbonton, representing the City Health Office of Carmona, led the charge.

Dr. Ally Gatbonton, City Health Office of Carmona, commented, "We were delighted to partner with MR.DIY for this noble initiative. Their commitment to improving the health and well-being

in the medical category and 195 in the optical category. These included adults and children who benefited from various services.

Medical services encompassed comprehensive check-ups, lab tests, free medications, X-ray examinations, ECG tests, and even first aid training for local rescue teams and community security volunteers. This comprehensive approach not only addressed existing health concerns but also equipped the local community with essential life-saving skills.

For optical services,

City Government of Carmona and the local community, stating, "We are honored to have partnered with the City Government of Carmona and the wonderful residents of Brgy. Bancal. Together, we have taken a step towards building a healthier and happier community."

City Health Office of Carmona, Dr. Ally Gatbonton, added, "This mission embodies the true spirit of community engagement and corporate social responsibility. We look forward to further collaborations for the



Alagang Kalusugan, Alagang Pamilya Medical & Optical Mission Volunteers from MR.DIY Philippines, Red Cross of The Philippines and the City Health Office of Carmona, Cavite.

Dasmariñas. Dr. Daisy Alvarez, representing the City Health Office of Dasmariñas, led the mission, which took place recently.

Dr. Daisy Alvarez, City Health Office of Dasmariñas, remarked,

of medical and optical services were offered, ensuring that the community's health and vision needs were met.

The Mr DIY Acts of Kindness Alagang Kalusugan, Alagang Pamilya Medical & Optical Mission

needs.

The Acts of Kindness (AoK) program, with its roots in the Good Bag Campaign, underlines MR.DIY's commitment to enabling and empowering communities. Proceeds from the sale of MR.DIY Eco-



The City Government of Dasmariñas, Cavite, and their City Health Office also gave out flu shots as part of the medical and optical mission.

"The dedication of MR.DIY to serve our community and improve the health and vision of our residents is truly heartwarming."

The mission targeted a total of 499 beneficiaries, including 243 in the medical category and 256 in the optical category. Similar to the first leg, a wide range

not only exceeded its beneficiary targets but also touched the lives of the residents, leaving a lasting positive impact. It serves as a shining example of corporate social responsibility, community engagement, and the power of goodwill in addressing healthcare

bags nationwide are donated to its NGO partners, making AoK a driving force in creating a better world.

For more information about the Acts of Kindness Program, visit MR.DIY's official website or follow / mrdiyPH on Facebook, and @mrdiy.philippines on Instagram and Tiktok.



Dasmariñas, Cavite Leg Headed by Dr. Daisy Alvarez (5th from left, first row) from the City Health Office, together with MR.DIY's Senior Marketing Manager Charles Salecina (6th from left, first row) and Janice Adolfo, RN (4th from left, first row), Chapter Administrator from The Red Cross of the Philippines.

of our community is commendable."

The mission successfully provided a range of medical and optical services, with a remarkable impact on the community. In total, 450 beneficiaries were attended to, surpassing the initial target of 200 beneficiaries. The breakdown of beneficiaries included 255

comprehensive eye examinations were conducted to assess visual acuity and detect potential eye problems. Free reading glasses were distributed to those in need, significantly enhancing their vision and quality of life.

MR.DIY's Senior Marketing Manager, Charles Salecina expressed gratitude to the

betterment of our constituents."

MR.DIY & Dasmariñas, Cavite: 2nd Leg Medical & Optical Mission

The second leg of MR.DIY's Acts of Kindness mission continued its journey of goodwill, this time in Brgy. Paliparan 3, Phase 2, Dasmariñas, Cavite, in partnership with the City Government of

Chiba repeats over TNT in EASL action

Chiba spoiled TNT's East Asia Super League home debut with a 75-66 win in a rare live basketball game on Wednesday night at the City of Sta. Rosa Multi-Purpose Sports Complex.

In the repeat of their first meeting in Japan, the Jets clobbered the Tropang Giga early on and led by as much as 20 points late in the first half before settling for a 50-32 halftime lead.

TNT came back firing in the third quarter and came to within five late in the period, the last at 61-56, but Chiba held TNT to just 10 points in the fourth quarter to hold on even if they struggled in the end as well.

John Mooney led Chiba, now 3-0 in Group A play, with 30 points on 12-of-19 field goals while DJ

Stephens added 15 points.

Quincy Miller fired 22 points, 20 in the second half and 13 rebounds but he had six of TNT's 21 total turnovers.

Meanwhile, Seoul SK got back at Ryukyu in their rematch with an 82-69 win at the Goyang Sono Arena in South Korea.

In the tail end of their own home-and-home set that had to be played on the home floor of the Goyang Skygunners, the Knights quickly pulled away from the Golden Kings in the first three quarters before keeping

their opponents at bay in the end as they are now tied at 1-1 in Group B action.

Leon Williams led Seoul SK, which played without the injured Juan Gomez De Liano, with 23 points, 17 rebounds, two assists, and three steals, while Kim Sun-Hyung, Heo Il-Young, and Oh Sek-Eun each added 12 markers.

Keita Imamura made 15 points, five rebounds, and six assists, while Carl Tamayo chipped in five points, seven rebounds, and one assist for Ryukyu. **(PNA) // basketball file photo**



PH bag 5 more chess golds for best 9th spot in Asian Para Games

The Philippine para chessers struck a gold mine Saturday, capturing five out of a possible six in the rapid event to cap the country's campaign on a victorious note for an all-time high of ninth in the overall medal standings on the last day of the 4th Hangzhou Asian Para Games here.

Abetted by breaks plus the PH chessers' grit and unity, they swept the men's PI (Physically Impaired) and B2-B3 divisions while annexing the PI women's mint courtesy of Atty. Cheyzer Crystal Mendoza and the team silver in the same event.

Typifying the resiliency of the squad was Asian Para Games rookie Darry Bernardo, who was one piece down playing with the white pieces but still managed to pull off an improbable win against Indonesia's Adji Hartono in ruling the B1-B2 men's event with six points.

Counting the rapid team gold, Bernardo and Menandro Redor emerged as the PH squad's most bemedalled athletes with three mints each in the outing supported by the Philippine Sports Commission.

Thanks to their heroic efforts, the 72-member Philippines contingent here matched the tally of 10 golds in the 2018 Jakarta Asian Games while rising to its best-ever performance in the continental showcase to ninth overall, three notches higher than the country's showing five years ago.

This was attained even though the PH standard-bearers had less silvers and bronzes – four and five, respectively, compared to the eight and eleven in the previous

Games.

Veteran Henry Roger Lopez, who led the field with five points entering the seventh and final round, won a hard-fought match over teammate Jasper Rom to become a double gold medalist together with Mendoza in anchoring the men's PI squad to a sweep of the team and individual events.

The 42-year-old Davao City native's golden triumph was aided by the draw between Iran's Aski Kazemian, who was tied with Lopez with five points and a round left, and veteran Tirto of Indonesia in the last round.

"Lopez would have lost on a tiebreak if Kazemian won, but somehow Tirto managed to draw the Iranian, paving the way for our player to win the gold," national para chess head coach James Infiesto explained.

"Masayang-masaya. Wala akong masabi (We're very happy. I'm speechless). This is my best performance since in the Asian Para Games. All of our hard work and sacrifice paid off. This was a team effort," said Lopez, who was teary-eyed in paying tribute to teammate Jasper Rom, whose parents passed away during the meet but stuck around.

"We had to protect Henry at all costs and I was glad that I was part of his well-earned triumph,"

Rom said with a smile and satisfied look on his face.

"Medyo nakabawi na rin para sa team kasi naka-silver kami sa team event sa rapid (I was able to recover for the team because we only won silver in the rapid team event)," said Mendoza, who began the event with a loss but recovered in the later round in coping the gold with 5.5 points after beating Vietnam's Thuy Tran Thi Bich in her final game.

She and Indonesia's Lilis Herna Yula were tied at the end of the seven-round series with identical 5.5 point, but the Filipina chesser won over the other by the tie-breaking system.

"Absolutely impossible and too good to be true, but it's here," said Infiesto of the glowing accomplishment of his players, who exceeded their haul of five gold, two silver and six bronzes in the 2018 Jakarta Asian Para Games.

"It seems that 13 is our lucky number," noted the coach, counting the three silver and two bronze medals his prolific squad likewise won.

"Absolutely amazing. This is what you reap with hard work and proper preparations," said Philippine Paralympic Committee president Mike Barredo, who personally congratulated all of the team members after their matches were over. **(PR)**

PH muay thai bags 2nd gold at 2023 World Combat Games

Rhichien Yosorez and Kylie Mallari ruled the mixed Mai Muay event to give the Philippines another gold medal in the 2023 World Combat Games at the King Saud University Arena in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia on Saturday night (Friday morning in Manila).



CHAMPIONS. Rhichien Yosorez (left) and Kylie Mallari won the mixed Mai Muay gold medal in the 2023 World Combat Games at the King Saud University Arena in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia on October 28, 2023. It was the second gold medal for Team Philippines after the victory of ju-jitsu fighter Kaila Jenna Napolis in the women's -52kg class. (Photo courtesy of Muaythai Association of the Philippines)

Yosorez and Mallari off in the first round of the repechage.

The Philippines claimed its first gold medal courtesy of ju-jitsu fighter Kaila Jenna Napolis last Wednesday.

The Filipinos also pocketed two silvers (Agatha Wong and Clemente Tabugara Jr.) and two bronzes (Jones Llabres Inso and Thornton Quieney Lou Sayan) from wushu and two more bronzes coming from Fierre Afan and Maria Aisa Ratcliff in wrestling.

"We're very happy with the results. We can still get a gold from Muay Thai," Team Philippines Chef de Mission and wrestling association president Alvin Aguilar told the Philippine News Agency.

With two golds, four silvers and four bronzes, the Philippines is at No. 20 in the medal tally board.

In the Top 10 are Ukraine (21 golds, 15

silvers and 12 bronzes), Kazakhstan (12-13-23), Saudi Arabia (9-17-18), United Arab Emirates (9-4-8), Uzbekistan (8-7-11), Independent Neutral Athlete (8-8-3), China (7-0-1), Hungary (6-2-4), Germany (6-1-6),

Turkiye is at No. 11 (5-2-4) followed by Egypt (5-1-2), Morocco (4-1-6), Brazil (3-7-6), Romania (3-5-4), Bahrain (3-2-5), Slovakia (3-2-1), France (2-5-6) and Iran (2-4-7).

A total of 1,657 athletes (913 male and 744 female) from 80 countries are competing in 16 sports, namely aikido, boxing, fencing, judo, ju-jitsu, karate, kendo, arm wrestling, kickboxing, muay thai, sambo, savate (French boxing), sumo, taekwondo, wrestling and wushu. **(PNA)**

EX-PRES DUTERTE STILL HAS STRONG SHOWING FOR SENATE RACE IN PAPI SURVEY

THE latest senatorial survey by the Publishers Association of the Philippines, Inc. (PAPI), from select barangays nationwide, showed former President Rodrigo Roa Duterte leading the race.

The survey conducted from October 2-8, further showed former senator and boxing icon Manny Pacquiao, next to Duterte, followed by Sagip Party list representative Rodante D. Marcoleta, taking the 3rd slot.

Senator Imee Marcos landed on the fourth rank, followed by Christopher Lawrence 'Bong' Go, then former senator Vicente Tito Sotto III, following him was former radio/TV

personality and ACT-CIS Party list congressman Erwin Tulfo. Next to Tulfo was actor Ramon "Bong" Revilla, followed by Sen. Ronald 'Bato' dela Rosa while Manuel "Lito" Lapid took the 10th slot.

The PAPI survey was for the Top 20 in the result from the 1,000 respondents, aged 18 to 50 years old.

Taking rank 11 was Sen. Pia Cayetano, followed by former

Manila City Mayor Francis 'Isko' Moreno Domagoso, Interior and Local Government Secretary Benhur Abalos Jr., then former Vice President Leni Robredo and lagging behind her was former Sen. Panfilo "Ping" Lacson, followed by Sen. Francis Tolentino, former Sen. Gringo Honasan, Dr. Willie Ong, ex Sen. Mar Roxas and finally Defense Secretary

Gilbert "Gibo" Teodoro.

There are 42,046 barangays nationwide as of 2021 and the survey accounted for 20 percent from A and B population, 70 percent from C, D while 10 percent from the E crowd.

With only over a year before the 2025 midterm elections, many survey conductors believed that a lot will still happen and changes in ranking may take place anytime.



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PBBM, Japan PM to hold bilateral meeting Nov. 3

President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. and Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida will hold a bilateral meeting at Malacañan Palace in Manila this Friday, Malacañang said Tuesday.

This as Communications Secretary Cheloy Garafil, citing the Department of Foreign Affairs' confirmation, announced that Kishida would embark on an official visit to the Philippines from Nov. 3 to 4.

In a statement, Garafil said Marcos would lead the welcome rites for Kishida at Malacañan and discuss with the Japanese leader the areas of mutual concern such as political, security, economic and development cooperation, as well as people-to-people ties.

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MUTUAL COOPERATION. President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. (left) and Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida shake hands after a summit meeting and joint press conference at the Prime Minister's Office in Tokyo, Japan on Feb. 10, 2023. Communications Secretary Cheloy Garafil on Tuesday (Oct. 31, 2023) said Marcos and Kishida would hold a bilateral meeting at Malacañan Palace in Manila on Nov. 3 to discuss areas of mutual concern. (Photo from PBBM Facebook)

KBL NORTH LUZON HOLDS 'SUCCESSFUL' CONFERENCE IN PAMPANGA

THE 2023 Kilusan ng Bagong Lipunan (KBL) North Luzon Conference became livelier with the launch of Miss KBL and band competitions during the event in Malabacat, Pampanga recently.



It was likewise a happy occasion with the personal appearance of former jukebox queen and ex-vice governor of Camarines Sur, Imelda Papin.

The event held at Royce Hotel, also launched the contest for Miss KBL won by Estephanie Ladignon of Nueva Ecija while Salinlaji Band of Pampanga Province emerged the champion in the competition.

Calling party members "resilient," KBL national president Efren A. Rafanan, quoted former

president Ferdinand Edralin Marcos Sr. "In every dark hour of our national life, a leadership of frankness and vigor has met with that understanding and support of the people themselves which is essential to victory."

"As KBL members, you are part of a community that embodies hope in action. It's in your unwavering commitment to the principles that define us, in your willingness to stand up for what is right and in your persistent efforts to create

positive change," he further said.

Meanwhile, KBL vice president for North Luzon, Crisiljefv G. Garrido said, "United, we are stronger. Together, we possess an incredible wealth of knowledge, experience and passion. By supporting each other, sharing insights and lending a helping hand, we can overcome any obstacle that stands in our way."

No less than President Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos Jr. and Vice President Sara Z. Duterte,

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CaviTienda Trade Fair: Matagumpay na naipakilala sa madla ang ipinagmamalaking produkto at serbisyo ng 20 micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) sa inilunsad na CaviTiendaL Cavite Finest Products Trade Fair nitong Oktubre 27-29.

Itinaguyod ito ng Department of Trade and Industry (DTI)-Cavite sa tulong ng lokal na pamahalaan ng Silang at ng Acienda Designer Outlet na dinaluhan ng mga pinuno ng iba-ibang departamento ng pamahalaan ng panlalawigan, mula kinatawan ng Department of Science and Technology (DOST), at mga opisyal ng pamahalaang bayan ng Silang.

Sa okasyon, hinikayat ni Ms. Chie Ricasata, Brand



Communications Manager Outlet ang madla na ng Acienda Designer tangkilikin ang



maipagmamalaking produktong gawa ng MSMEs.

Sinabi naman ni Ms. Revelyn Cortez, officer-in-charge (OIC) assistant regional director, DTI CALABARZON na ginagawa ng ahensiya ang lahat ng tulong upang mapalago ang MSMEs na totoong napakalaki ng kontribusyon sa ekonomya ng bansa.

Sa kanyang mensahe, sinabi ni Silang Mayor Kevin Anarna na napakahalaga ng pagtutulungan ng pamahalaan at ng pribadong negoso sa pagpapalago ng kabuhayan sa komunidad.

Ang okasyon na ginanap sa Barangay Lalaan 1, inengganyo ni Mr. Arman Ilano, Center Director ng Acienda Designer Outlet ang publiko na laging suportahan ang malikhaing disenyo at produkto ng malikhaing MSMEs sa Cavite. /ET & OPIO